

SUBJECTS.

(4). Railway.

45. Extension of the Railway to the Cape.

Mr. V. Arunachalam Pandaram (Member, Nagercoil Trading Classes) thanked the Government for the steps that were being taken to extend the Shencotta-Quilon Railway to Trivandrum and he prayed that the same might be further extended to the Cape. He said that, as the line would pass through thickly populated tracts and great commercial and industrial centres, it would doubtless be a paying concern, and he requested the Government to consider the matter favourably, as it had been brought before the Assembly on many occasions by different Members.

Devan's reply.—Noted.

46. Railway from Alwaye to Kottarakara.

Mr. Varkey Kora (Member, Ettumanur Taluk) said that the unique occasion of the Silver Jubilee of His Highness the Maha Raja's Reign, which was celebrated throughout the State with great pomp and splendour, should be associated in the people's memory with some permanent memorial, so as to commemorate the occasion for all time to come. The Member then proceeded to consider the form the memorial should take, and he said that the idea of connecting Kottarakara and Alwaye by a line of Railway to be called "the Silver Jubilee Railway" had received the unanimous approval of all classes of His Highness' subjects. He then detailed the scheme by which the Railway was to be brought into existence. A Joint-Stock Company was to be floated, with a capital of a crore and five lacs of rupees, divided into 7 lacs of shares of 15 Rs. each, to be paid up in three equal annual instalments of Rs. 5. He said that a large number of shares had already been promised to be subscribed for from various quarters and that M. R. Ry. Kerala Varma Avergal, the Valia Koil Tampuran, had promised to be the Patron of the Company. He requested that the Government should extend its help in the following directions, with a view to infuse confidence into the minds of the people from whom the shares were to be raised :—

(1). To exempt the Articles of Association, Rules, and Resolutions of the Company from stamp duty and registration fees.

(2) To conduct the necessary correspondence with the British Government to safeguard the interests of the Company.

(3) To take up all the shares that might remain unsold after two years, but not exceeding half the total number of shares.